(b) The work could not be provided for in the budget for want of funds.

(c) No. The road will, however, add to their convenience.

Caste-war list of appointments.

4. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Governmnet be pleased to state—

1. whether they have scrutinised the quarterly caste-war statements of appointments published in the Gazette;

2. whether they have noticed that some departmental heads have appointed more men from their own communities than from others;

3. and whether they have called for explanations from the officers for this disproportionate distribution of appointments among communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1 They have not reviewed the quarterly caste-war statements.

2. Have had no occasion to do so.

3. No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know why they have not reviewed the statement?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because they did not feel any necessity for it.

Mr K. Ayyappan.—May I now then why the statements are published?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The statements are published for public information as per the request of the Hon'ble Member himself.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are not the Government getting quarterly statements?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The quarterly statements they were getting even before and are still getting.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Why do they get it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For review.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If that is necessary, why no review is made in this case also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because no review is called for. The only list that we can review is the quarterly statement under the Standing Orders.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Did you go through the statements to understand whether the appointments are properly distributed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is better understood from the quarterly statements.

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Did the Government find out that the appointments made were not in proportion to the communal strength?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer the question unless the Member makes it clear whether by appointments he means promotions or simply first appointments.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—First appointments.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Then we have not noticed any discrepancy.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any rule that these appointments should be proportionately distributed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is an understanding that, as far as unrepresented communities are concerned, in the matter of first appointments some preference has to be shown towards them.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any rule that it should be proportionately distributed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Whatever be understood by proportionate representation, I am not quite clear about it and I am not going to define that. I have stated the Government position. That is, that there is an understanding that so far as first appointments are concerned preference should, as far as possible, be given to unrepresented communities.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether there were any non-Brahmin Tamilian applicants during this period for any first appointment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there any communities so far unrepresented in the public service of the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I believe Government are aware of the existence of about 15,000 non-Brahmin Tamilians in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are non-Brahmin Tamilians in the State.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government understood the purport of the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes; the answer has been framed after noting the purport of the question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Government have answered that they "have had no occasion to do so." Do they not get copies of the Gazette?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They do get copies of the Gazette. But whatever is in the Gazette we are not bound to study.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it because they had no time or they did not think it necessary to read?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The latter is the correct presumption.

Admission—Keraliya Ayurvedic Vaidyasala.

5. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar .—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether a notice board has been put up in front of the Keraliya Ayurvedic Vaidyasala at Cheruthuruthi to the effect that only patients and members of the Samajam will be admitted ;

(2) does the Government propose to take any steps to remove this so that the public may have access ;

(3) how much money has been contributed by Government ever since the institution was started ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes; but it is intended only to keep out trespassers.

(2) The public have access even now.

(3) Rs. 15,355—6—6 till date.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is said that "only patients and members of the Samajam will be admitted." It is also said that the "public have access even now" and that "it is intended only to keep out trespassers." What is the meaning of that?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The idea is very clear. Only patients will be admitted there. That is the idea contained there. Others can go there for consultation, for seeing patients and so on. The only idea is to keep out pilferers from going there and doing mischief there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government mean that outsiders go there to do mischief?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only meant for pilferers. There is an Oottupura just opposite to that and many people make this a thoroughfare to go to the Oottupura. It is just to ward off such difficulties to the patients that a notice board like that is put up.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are Oottupuras full of pilferers ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is stated that "only patients and members will be admitted." From this will it mean that others will be admitted ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The practice is that others are being freely admitted.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—In view of such misunderstandings, will the Government be pleased to have a notice board properly put up?

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